

Docket No. 0164-4015**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Richard Alexander

Group Art Unit: 3727

Serial No.: 09/927,922

Examiner: Sue A. Weaver

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For: QUICK OPENING GARMENT PROTECTOR

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Further to telephone messages exchanged with the Examiner, the Applicant notes that he is contemplating amending independent claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A garment protector comprising:  
an elongated envelope to be disposed about a garment, said envelope  
having a front side and a back side,  
at least one zone of weakness on either one or both sides along which  
said envelope may be parted to facilitate separating the garment protector from the  
garment, and  
at least one stop on the zone of weakness <sup>the envelope which app</sup> <sup>defined by edges of intact material</sup> <sup>and intersect</sup> <sup>the zone of</sup> <sup>weakness</sup> which protects the zone of  
weakness from inadvertently parting, wherein said at least one stop facilitates  
intentional parting of the zone of weakness

The Applicant further notes that he is contemplating amending each of the other independent claims in an analogous manner.

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The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call the below-indicated individual at 212-415-8746 to confirm proper receipt of this Informal Communication, and thanks the Examiner for granting the telephone interview to be held Thursday, February 12th at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: February 10, 2004

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